GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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INDIA TO HOST G-20 MEET
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India proposes to host the next meeting of the Group of 20 developing countries on agriculture in March,2005; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. India will be hosting at New Delhi from 17-19 March 2005, a Ministerial Meeting of the G-20 countries which will be preceded by a meeting of G-20 Senior Officials. The G-20 will also hold consultations with the country-coordinators of some developing country alliances and regional groupings, namely, the G-33, Africa Group, Least Developed Countries, ACP (African Caribbean and Pacific Countries) and CARICOM (Caribbean Community) to discuss issues in the agriculture negotiations underway in the World Trade Organisation. The G-20 will also brainstorm on other areas of the Doha Ministerial Declaration, including on non-agricultural products, services and development issues.